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- (1) European Patent Document 0 607 830, published July 27, 1994. Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

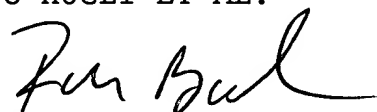
(2) French Patent Document 2 734 957, published December 6, 1996. Although the reference is in the French language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

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Respectfully submitted,

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